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## THREE MUSCIANS DIE IN HIGHWAY MISHAP NEGRO HOME ATTACKS RENEWED

### TUFF GREEN'S BAND STRUCK DOWN IN GRIM HIGHWAY TRAGEDY

#### Band Leader Three Others Hurt

Memphis, Tenn. Feb. 18 (Special) — Grim Tragedy this week struck down one of the most promising young musical aggregations to start here since Jimmie Lunceford started the band that became nationally famous.

It was the fatal and injurious accident in which members of Richard "Tuff" Green's orchestra were involved last Tuesday morning on Highway 72, several miles west of Germantown, Tenn.

In a collision with a transport truck, Green's automobile was destroyed, three members of his organization killed outright, and four others including Mr. Green, were injured.

The dead include: 25 year-old Marcellus Druham, popular young vocalist and musician, as well as one of the best high school athletes of recent years. . . he lived in Foote Homes.

26 year-old Rufus Watson, of 1293 Quinn, originally of Nashville, Tenn.

21 year-old Leonard Campbell, of 1304 S. Wellington.

The injured besides Mr. Green, who suffered severe head and face injuries include: Ben Branch, 21 of 3034 Calvert, lacerations to the face and head, 40 year old Phineas Newborn of 582 Ashley, arm injuries and Clinton Waters, of 866 South Fourth, chest injuries.

According to Green's account of what happened the orchestra had filled a Valentine engagement Monday night in Tusculum, Ala. and left town around 6 a.m. en route home. He said the men were tired and began to fall asleep. Dosing himself he was awakened by a terrific impact.

Then was knocked unconscious. When he regained consciousness, he found two members of his organization already dead, a third Durham was dying. Others variously injured as he was himself.

One half of his bus was sheared off, the other half had been shoved over to the right shoulder of the road in the same direction Durham was traveling.

The accident occurred about 9:30 in the morning. Deputies R. G. McElroy and Oral J. Billings of the Shelby County Sheriff's office say the bus, operated by Durham was traveling toward Memphis from Tusculum, Ala. The bus is said by the officers to have been in the process of passing another car going in the same direction and operated by W. T. Wade of Rossville, and attempted to do so on a hill.

W. R. Turner, of Atlanta, Ga., operator of the empty auto transport owned by Complete Auto Transit, Inc., Atlanta, Ga., with which the Green auto-bus collided, said he saw the bus coming his way and went off onto the shoulder of the road to avert a head on collision.

News of the tragedy was flashed to Memphis via a radio telephone operated by Sam Qualls of S. W. Qualls Funeral Home. A Thompson Bros. Ambulance also went to the scene. Several of the injured band members were brought to Memphis in the Thompson ambulance. The Qualls ambulance picked up the fatally injured.



**FINER WOMANHOOD WEEK SPEAKER:** The principal address at the program in observance of Finer Womanhood Week, sponsored by local and State Chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was Mrs. Maude Alexander Jackson of Chicago, Ill. A native of Mississippi and a graduate of Jackson College, she is the wife of Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church of Chicago.

### New Jersey Schools Learn By Experience Kids Know No Race Bias

Camden, N. J. Feb. 21 — Six months ago, under the impetus of New Jersey's new model constitution, Jim Crow was outlawed in this city's 26 grammar schools.

With apprehension in some cases strong objection in a few others, the community's 12,000 youngsters visited the school nearest their homes and registered for last year's September term.

In several predominantly Negro neighborhoods, a handful of White parents appealed for the right to transfer their children elsewhere. The appeals were denied. Some gave in reluctantly, but a few refused to accept the new law. They placed their children in parochial schools.

Today the apprehension it existed mainly in the minds of the parents is apparently dissipated, and many of the small fry, with the quick forgetfulness of youth cannot even remember the time (six months ago) when Camden's school district was operated on a segregated basis.

#### NOTHING HAPPENED

As one mother — White — put it: "I admit I was afraid I'd heard so many things about what was likely to happen. Well, nothing really did."

Others might disagree. Among them Principal Mendel Tubis who directs both the Kaigr and Central schools where about 40 Negroes attend each school with approximately 200 of their White classmates. Tubis said:

"It has only helped the children; to has helped the community. It has removed a break in their normal lives. They have been

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### New Wave Of Vandalism Hits Los Angeles Negro Property Buyers

Los Angeles, Calif. Feb. 21 — Another outbreak of vandalism against Negro property buyers in so-called "White" neighborhoods, occurred last week in the southern section of Los Angeles, following a lapse of several months.

This latest outrage was committed last Thursday night, only a few hours after Hollis C. Majors and his wife had taken possession of a house located at 10220 S. Wall Street.

According to Majors, right after they had moved their first load of their belongings into the small cottage they purchased someone splashed white paint on a front door screen and then threw empty liquor bottles against the house. Not satisfied with their handiwork the hoodlums returned again last Sunday night and repeated their depredations in the same manner.

On each occasion Majors stated those responsible for the acts had vanished when he went to the door to investigate. The police, he said, were notified but to his knowledge no arrests have been made so far.

Last Thursday night, when the hoodlums first visited his home, Majors stated the same delay so long before arriving that the same or different persons returned and tossed more bottles against the property.

When interviewed this week in their newly furnished cottage, Majors who works as a maintenance employee, and his wife who also works, both stated their intention of continuing to occupy the house which they said they purchased through Royal Realty Company 464 1-2 S. Broadway.

Majors said he and his wife bought the property solely because the price and terms appealed to their circumstances and the fact that the property was located in desirable residential district.

**IDEAL FINER WOMEN:** Presented as the ideal Finer Women of the Community at the Annual Observance of Finer Womanhood Week of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority at Jackson College last Sunday was from left to right: Mrs. M. C. Collins, Collins Funeral Home, Mrs. M. M. Hubert, Pat-President, State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs President of the Mary Church Terrell Literary Club of Jackson, and Miss F. O. Alexander, Teacher Trainer at Jackson College and a member of the State Board of Education.

### Governors Of 3 States Call For Observance Of Negro Newspaper Week

Norfolk, — Governors of three states in which there is a Negro press have asked the people of their states to join the seventh annual observance of "Negro Newspaper Week" from February 27 to March 5, Thomas W. Young, president of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, said this week.

As members of NNPA were converging on Washington where the executive board will meet on Friday and Saturday, Young announced also that E. M. McKelway, vice-president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors will discuss within a radio network program, the topic, "Does Our Democracy Justify a Negro Press?" The program will be heard via the National Broad-casting Company facilities, from 12 to 12:15 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26th.

Mr. McKelway is editor of the "Washington Star", a director of the Washington Board of Trade and a long-time journalist. Charles Batters of NBC's Washington staff, will be moderator.

The proclamation in which the governors joined, reads as follows:—

"Whereas, this Nation and its people derive all their blessings from a just God and a just Constitution; and

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### Charge Political Motive Behind Ad- ministration Will Soft Pedal Civil Rights Legislation

#### Call Discrimination, Lynching Poll Tax Country's Greatest Shame

#### Civil Rights Commission Backed

### Quitman High School Host To Fifth District Teachers Association

Quitman, Miss. — Feb. 21 (Special) — Approximately 500 teachers and representatives of Parent Teachers Associations from various sections of the district met in the Annual session of the Fifth Educational District, Mississippi Association of Teachers in Colored Schools, in the beautiful Auditorium of the New Quitman High School, with energetic and gracious principal J. R. Cole entertaining.

The session opened at 10:15 a.m. with Vice President J. R. Harvey presiding. Greetings in behalf of Clarke County Negro Teachers and the county-at-large were extended by Professor S. Owens, principal of the recently built West Enterprise School, and Mr. M. M. Shirley, Superintendent of the Clarke County Jeanes Supervisor, accepted for the district.

At intervals, music was excellently rendered by Quitman Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Varnado-Crawford. Clarke County Jeanes Supervisor.

The report of the district program, brought by Professor W. A. Reed, Jr., President of the Fifth District Association, pointed out progress in the way of new schools and facilities, being made in the district. The objective sought during his visits to seven of the 10 counties of the district and the necessity for teachers of the district to raise their educational training status, if they hope to continue in the field of teaching.

At 1:15 p.m., at the direction of Mr. W. F. Calbert, presiding the assembly disbanded, going to various group meetings for problem discussions. The Association through these discussions, discovered some worthwhile solutions to teaching problems prevalent throughout the district and it is felt that each teacher present left the meeting with these problems and possible solutions clearer in mind.

During the general session, resumes of these discussions were reported. Miss F. O. Alexander, State Itinerant Teacher, gave an interesting evaluation of these reports.

During the afternoon session, Mrs. C. D. Thompson, Director of the Meridian-Jackson College Extension Center and chairman of the District ATA committee, recommended that the district be represented at the annual session of the ATA, which was adopted and the President, Professor W. A. Reed, Jr. was elected as the District Representative.

Among Jeanes Teachers present were: Mrs. Pearl Crawford, Clarke County; Mrs. Estella Morrow, Jasper; Mrs. Fannie White, Kem-

Washington — Feb. 21 — Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) made a sharp retort to "the un-forgotten and the revengeful" whose rumors that the administration would soft pedal civil rights legislation "are not without political motive." He scotched the rumors with an emphatic statement that "the fight for civil rights has only begun; and we who pledge our services to the elimination of our country's greatest shame will continue to lash at discrimination, at lynching, at poll taxes, against bigotry until these blights are felled by law."

The senator's rebuke was delivered at the last Tuesday afternoon session of the Conference of Unfinished business in Social Legislation, held at the Interdepartmental Auditorium, Department of Labor, Monday and Tuesday of last week.

The Minnesota senator declared that it is not only necessary to enact legislation to abolish the poll tax, lynching, segregation in the armed forces and job discrimination, but there is need for civil rights commission in our federal government to vitalize the law enforcement and educational processes.

#### TO INTRODUCE BILL

He said he intended to introduce a bill to establish such a commission in the very near future.

Mr. Humphrey strongly advocated federal aid to education school construction, ability to pay adequate teacher's salary a pro-legislation which means aid for vision for means and scholarships so there will be equal opportunity for education for all, adult education, and labor extension services. "There must be federal aid for health and welfare facilities for school children," he declared.

Sen. Humphrey was introduced by Dr. Sadie Alexander, a member of the president's committee on Civil Rights. Mrs. Alexander told the 600 delegates representing the leading national organizations of the country, that they should urge their congressmen to fight for the enlargement of the civil rights section of the department of justice.

per; Mrs. Marguerite Oliver, Lauderdale; Mrs. Mildred Rushing-Leake; Mrs. M. L. Calbert, Neshoba; Mrs. Sophia Ruth Baggett, Newton; Miss Bettye Jack Scott; Mrs. H. C. Harper, Smith; and Miss Stella Mayhorne, Winston.

Mr. E. T. Hawkins presented the District Official Staff, including other officers as follows: Miss Fannie J. White, Secretary; Miss Emma Dee Jenkins, Registrar; Miss Jewel Merchant, Treasurer; Mr. W. L. Calbert, Program Director.

The Annual District Activity Day will be held at the Harris Senior High School Friday, March 4th. The Wechsler Jr. High School in Meridian, Mississippi, will be host to the next annual session of the 5th District Teachers Association.

### North Carolina Editor Ask South To Show Goodwill On Civil Rights Issue

#### Says Dixiecrats Have Succeeded In Making Themselves Contemptible

#### Says Dixie Worried By Old Fears

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 21 — "The South has a task today greater than any which ever confronted it. It will be secure at home in its customs and its culture only as it succeeds in demonstrating not bitter reaction, but generous progress in a nation which is determined to defeat and demonstrate true democracy to the conclusion an editorial appearing in the Raleigh News and Observer, edited by Jonathan Daniels, climaxes a searching analysis of a situation which the South declares is being imposed upon it.

Taking each of the debated steps in Mr. Truman's Civil Rights program, Mr. Daniels carefully analyzes each implication and with a forward-looking view.

"It is time the South faced the civil rights, one by one, and faced them squarely," say Mr. Daniels' editorial. Here they are:

"The poll tax. Nothing is so clear as that the poll tax as a prerequisite to the right to vote is a device to limit and deny democracy to poor white men and Negroes. It was long ago rejected in such a Southern state as North Carolina, and no southerner can suggest that the results here have disturbed either racial relationships or the equality of government provided. The poll tax should go. The thing so bad and does not become any better because of long arguments about states' rights.

"The anti-lynching law. If an anti-lynching law can be passed which meets the test of constitutionality, let it be passed. The South has no special interest in preventing a law which is designed to end such crime. It should not act as if it did.

"FEPC. Many Southerners and Northerners, too, believe that this legislation would do more harm than good. Yet it certainly touches the most serious question in this whole field, Lynching is disappearing, the number of poll tax states decline. But the need for increasing economic opportunities for more and more trained and educated Negroes remains. Nowhere is it more necessary to improve the economic status of the Negro than in the South itself. Obviously, this region cannot be permanently prosperous so long as a fourth of its people are permanently poor.

"Segregation in inter-state transportation. This involves not a proposal of the President's, but a decision of the supreme court. That court held in effect that no state could impose local Jim Crow laws on travelers on inter-state trains, airlines, buses, etc. The President has only insisted that the decision of the Supreme Court be enforced, as every decision of that court should be.

"Nobody, North or South, should suggest that these four questions present simple problems. They are complex and emotional. They are rooted in old faiths and old fears of new ones, too. But the very difficult and emotional equality of these questions should mean that they receive the best intelligence which the South and

the nation together contain. Neither the South nor the nation will be shelved by any Dixiecrat gyrations in the coming congress. It will do the South no good to win a filibuster and win the increasing impatience of the people of good will in the country as a whole.

"Today, the Dixiecrats have only succeeded in making themselves look contemptible. Their futuristic retrospect looks comic by the disclosures of their lack of power even in the South. Fortunately, the South of good and goodwill was not captured by them. And it does not wish to be represented by any men of their spirit."

### Mrs. Robert Lee Moffett Jackson College Speaker

Mrs. Robert Lee Moffett whose radio talks here during the past several days have attracted a large audience of appreciative listeners, was the principal speaker on a program sponsored by the Jones Hall Welfare Council of Jackson College, last Sunday.

The subject on which Mrs. Moffett spoke was "Patterns for World Civilization." A woman of wide world observation, experience, travel and with a deep understanding of the growth and background of world culture, Mrs. Moffett's address was received with deepest interest by a large and appreciative audience.

Under local auspices, Mrs. Moffett has been appearing in Jackson as a member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahais of the United States and Canada.

The program included remarks by Burford Holmes, president of the Jones Hall Welfare Council and a question period under the direction of Willie McLaurin.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Beatrice Broy Josey music was furnished by the Jackson College choir.

### Alpha Phi Alpha Presents Attorney Belford V. Lawson At Tougaloo College

Sunday, February 27, 1949, at 4 p.m., Alpha Epsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, presents a dynamic speaker in the person of Attorney Belford V. Lawson of Washington, D. C., national president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, in a public program honoring the new undergraduate chapter at Tougaloo College. Other national officers will also be on hand for this occasion.

The public is cordially invited to attend.